



UTAH DEPARTMENT *of*
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY



NRAE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE 2021





*Safeguarding and improving Utah's air, land and water
through balanced regulation.*



AIR QUALITY



DRINKING WATER



**ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE
& REMEDIATION**



**WASTE MANAGEMENT
& RADIATION CONTROL**



WATER QUALITY

What We Do

- Improve air quality
- Ensure safe, reliable drinking water
- Manage the restoration of contaminated land for development
- Oversee the management of hazardous waste and radioactive materials
- Enhance quality of surface and groundwater



2020 Successes

Air

- PM 2.5 redesignation
- Approval of Utah's Regional Haze SIP

Land

- Ogden SWIFT building
- US Steel Geneva site

Water

- COVID-19 Wastewater testing
- Agricultural Voluntary Incentive Program
- Lead-Free Learning Initiative



Customer Service and Partnership

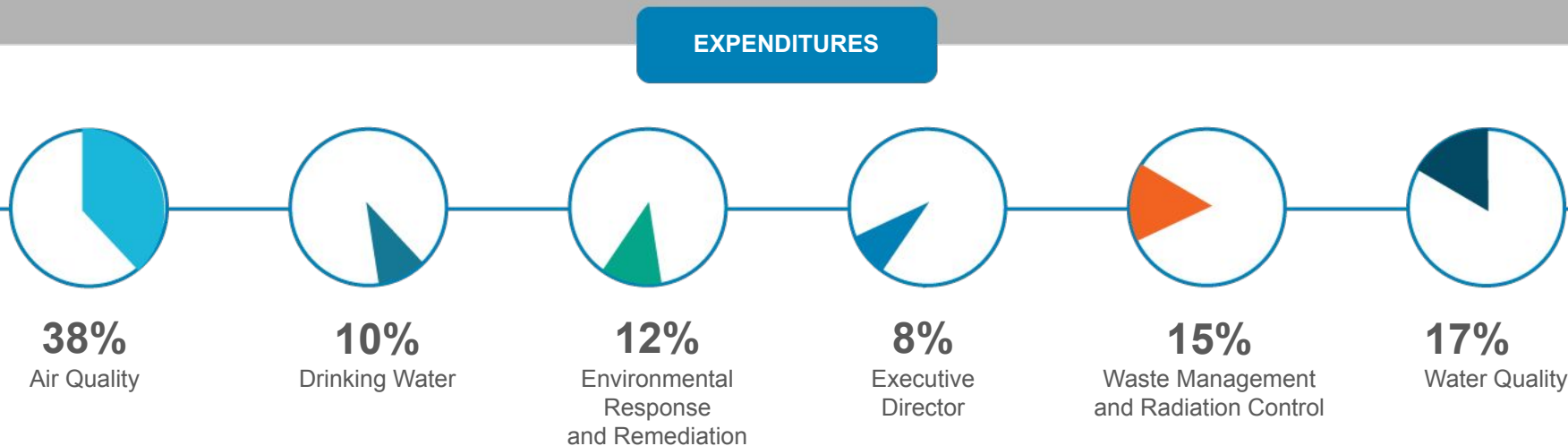
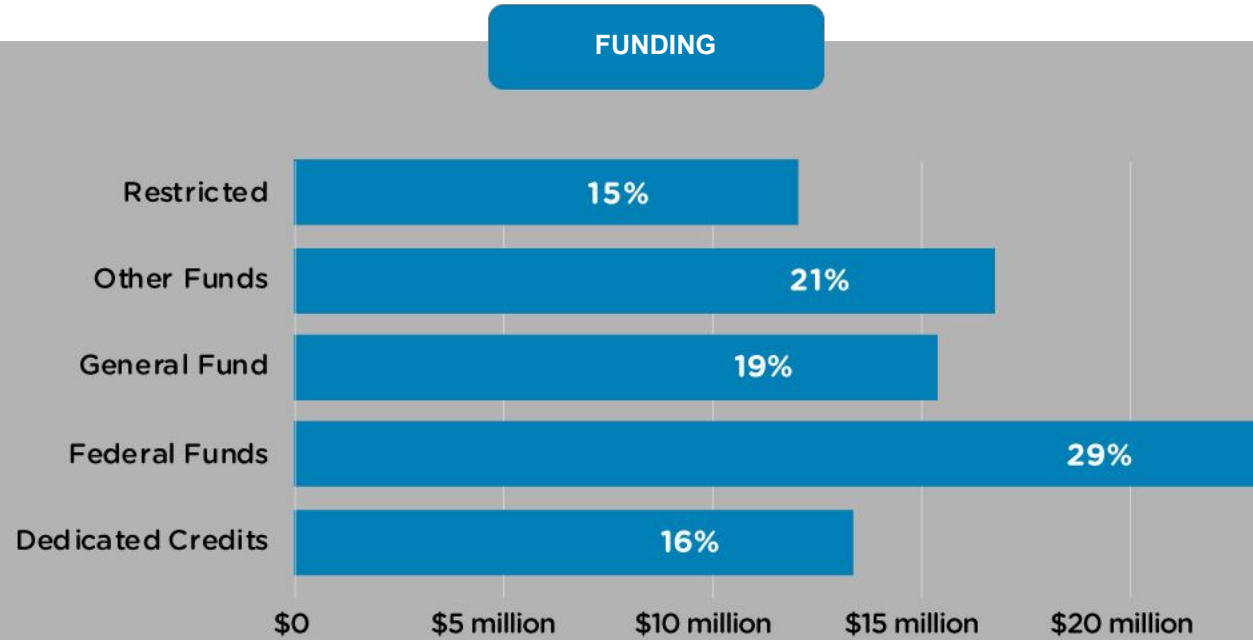
- Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Programs
- Agriculture Voluntary Incentive Program
- Petroleum Storage Tank (PST) Fund
- Brownfields Program Grants
- Department of Health \$900,000 reallocation



Funding

DEQ BUDGET
\$80,898,800

DEQ NON-LAPSING
\$13,942,900



Building Block Requests

WATER QUALITY

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM RESPONSE

\$200,000

ONGOING

- 41 water bodies at-risk
- Fund seasonal employees, equipment and supplies, lab services and funding to local health departments



DRINKING WATER

DRINKING WATER REGULATORY CAPACITY BUILDING

\$4.5 million

ONE-TIME

- Bridge budget shortfall to fee-based system
- Funding to hire staff to address regulatory backlog
 - 30% increase in public water systems since 2005



LEGAL SUPPORT

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\$168,300

ONGOING

- Restore one attorney FTE left vacant due to funding gap in ISF model
- Provide legal support to DEQ on an ongoing basis



Future Challenges



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